

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

In responding to SB 321, PDD indicates the three offices affected by the bill (1st, 2nd and 3rd Judicial Districts) are understaffed for workload demands. Further, PDD asserts, it has had insufficient staff to cover magistrate court initial appearances and video arraignments, which, with the increased DWI direct and indirect penalties plus harsher penalties for domestic violence cases, has become critical for PDD, the courts, and jail processing.

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